

# NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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According to the USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending June 8, 2014, rainfall occurred statewide with 2 to 3 inches common in central and eastern counties, improving soil moisture supplies. High winds and hail damaged growing crops and irrigation equipment. The number of days considered suitable for fieldwork was 3.5. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 19 percent short, 69 percent adequate and 7 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 14 percent very short, 25 percent short, 59 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus.

Winter wheat conditions rated 8 percent very poor, 16 percent poor, 34 percent fair, 39 percent good and 3 percent excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 97 percent, ahead of last year's 95 percent, but equal to the five-year average. Winter wheat headed was 83 percent, well ahead of last year's 56 percent and the 77 percent average. Winter wheat coloring was 8 percent, ahead of last year's 1 percent, but behind the 17 percent average.

In the northern Panhandle, producers said adequate moisture during the past week sustained or helped crop conditions with much of the crop starting to flower. Parts of the northern Panhandle received hail in the past week, which damaged some of the wheat crop. Producers reported no major disease or pest problems.

In the southern Panhandle, producers said the majority of the crop is past the flowering stage and the grain is starting to fill. Moisture received this weekend ranged

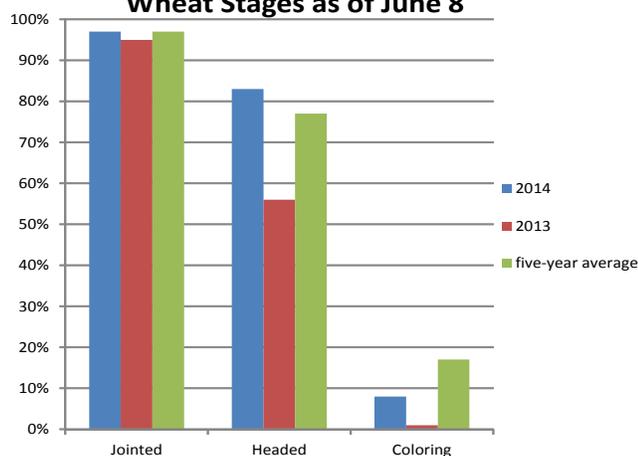
from 1.4 to 2 inches, with an average of 3 inches of rain during the past week. The recent moisture has helped the crop and producers rated the crop condition as fair to good. Producers said the wheat harvest may begin in the first or second week of July.

In the northern part of southwest Nebraska, producers said the grain is starting to fill in the majority of the crop, with some of the crop still flowering. Moisture received this week ranged from 3 to 6 inches. Some areas of the region received hail, but no major damage has been reported. Producers rated the crop condition as fair to good and said harvest may start around the second week of July. Some producers said they have seen small numbers of aphids in select parts of the region.

In the southwest corner of Nebraska, producers said they received large amounts of moisture during the past week ranging from 3 to 7 inches. Producers said the crop is all headed out and is in the grain fill stage in some regions. Producers rated the crop conditions as 15 percent poor, 65 percent good and 20 percent fair. While producers said some select areas have been sprayed with fungicide, there have been no major disease or pest problems.

In southeastern Nebraska, producers said the wheat is all headed out and in the grain fill stage, but have not seen any color yet. While recent storms have hurt some of the crop, producers said they have received plenty of moisture and the overall crop condition is good.

**Wheat Stages as of June 8**



**Soil Moisture Conditions as of June 8**

